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U.S. Application No. International Application No.: PCT/CH01/00116 : February 22, 2001 International Filing Date. Priority Dates Claimed : February 23, 2000 Title of Invention : FRANKING MACHINE Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US) : Werner Haug Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. $\underline{\chi}$ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2.___ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X This express request to begin national examination procedures 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). __ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. \underline{X} A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a) X is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b) ___ has been transmitted by the international Bureau. c) ___ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C.371(c)(2)]. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. a) ___ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). m O b) $__$ have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c) ___ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d) ___ have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C.371(c)(4)]. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(5)]. Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. X An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 198. 12. X An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. X A FIRST preliminary amendment. ___ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. ___ A substitute specification. 15. ___ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X (other items or information) Nineteen sheets of drawings, PTO-1449 w/ 5 references and International Search Report EXPRESS MAIL No.: EL 862 852 314 US Deposited: October 20, 2001 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on

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